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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Each document listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. A copy of the listed U.S. patent publication is not enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 and returning the form with the next communication from the Office.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed Japanese patent publication No. JP-2001-356869, an English translation of the Notification setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. A copy of the Notification is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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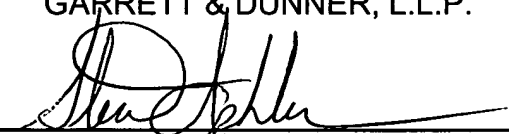
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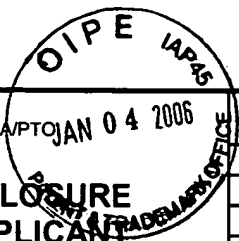
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